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Meetings

May

Wednesday, May 30, 2012—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

John Isaac

From Calamities to Tranquility

John spent 20 years as a photojournalist covering wars and famine around the globe for the United Nations. He will show how he slowly shifted his focus to wildlife and nature by returning to his passion for saving the rapidly diminishing tigers of his native India.

One of his favorite national parks to visit is Ranthambhore as well as other tiger reserves, which he has been to many times since 1998. John plans to do a once-in-a-lifetime book about tigers.

Eventually he expanded his coverage to include birds, flowers, and other animals (in Africa, Alaska, New Mexico, Florida, etc.). He'll show how photographing nature and wildlife is so different from the frantic business of covering wars. He had to learn to be very patient, to sit for hours waiting for a tiger to appear or a puffin to come out from behind a ledge. He hopes to show that it is possible to switch gears in mid-life and delve into an area of photography that brought him peace and tranquility.

Recently, Kodak's George Eastman House has asked John to donate the best of his life's work to be part of their permanent collection in Rochester, NY.



Motherhood © John Isaac



Amish Farmer © John Isaac



Antelope Canyon © John Isaac

June

(Note: June meeting is Tuesday night)

Tuesday, June 26, 2012—6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Members' Night

Come join us for some refreshments as we celebrate the end of our year. Members may present 6–8 images in either digital or slide format. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to load your digital images (memory stick or disc) into the computer or your slides into the tray.

To prepare your slides, hold them as they are to be viewed. Place a dot in the lower left corner. When you put the slide in the slide tray, the dot should be visible in the upper right corner.

Digital images should be sRGB, 72 ppi, 1024 pixels for a horizontal image, 768 pixels tall for a vertical image.



Member Activities

Tuesday Evening Hour presentations by Sierra Club Photo Committee Members: 49 Fulton Street, NY, NY.

Presentations begin 6:00 PM in the dining room (**Note: new start time**).

Website:

www.tuesdayeveninghour.com/

May 8: **Louise Luger**—*Chinese Scholar's Garden*—Explore the only garden of its type in the US; take a look at some local Chinese culture in NYC

Please send your Member Activities or field trip submissions by September 1 for the Sep/Oct 2012 issue (which will include activities from mid-September to mid-November) to Corinna Chifari at cchifari@nyc.rr.com. In the activity information include your name, a brief description and/or title of the event, the location, hours and contact information.

2012 Meeting Dates and Speakers

September 19, 2012 Members' Night

October 24, 2012 Jennifer Wu:
<http://www.jenniferwu.com/>

(Additional dates to be announced)

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Summer 2012 Outings

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Location: Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks, 2–3 locations

Photograph: Mountain laurel blossoms, lakes, streams and landscapes; late day light on Bear Mountain

Hike: Short moderate hikes, some stony trails

Additional information: Plan for full day. Bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sun block, bug spray, lunch and water

NYC Start: 11 am

NYC Return: 10:00–10:30 pm; *Drivers with cars appreciated for carpooling*

Leader: Charles Dexter, 212-315-1963 until 10:30 pm

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2012

Location: Delaware Water Gap region in NJ and/or PA

Photograph: Water falls, woods, streams and/or ponds

Hike: Short but possibly slippery trails with stones

Additional information: Plan for full day. Bring hiking boots, rain jacket, sun block, bug spray, lunch and water

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Mountain Laurel on summit of Bear Mountain in Bear Mountain State Park, NY © Charles Dexter

From the Chair

The "From the Chair" allows me to express my deep appreciation to the people who have made our events a great success! Last April, the *Inspired by Nature* photo exhibit, featuring the work of 22 of our talented members, was well received at the Audubon Greenwich Kimberlin Nature Education Center in Connecticut. Stephanie Schmidt organized the hanging of the show and a wonderful reception last April 21. The contributions of Penny Smith, Trudy Fritschi, Claudia Schellenberg, Linda Calvet, and John Wazeter included transporting the photos, installing the show, arranging the reception, and packing up the show for the return to NYC. We are grateful for their help! The show could not have happened without them.

I always look forward to *Members' Night*. Our upcoming June meeting will provide us an opportunity to share our photography and see what everyone is doing. It is a chance for all of us to learn from each other. Photography is why we come together. I encourage everyone to participate!

—Charles Dexter, *Chair*